REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated March 6, 2006, Applicant hereby elects the species for claims 1-9, drawn to the treatment of a crystalline layer with traverse. Claim 1 is deemed generic since it includes less steps and does not include prior formation of an amorphous layer prior to crystallization in claims 10-36. As a result, claims 10-36 may be subject to rejoinder if claim 1 is considered allowable.

New claims 37-57 have been added to recite additional features to which Applicant is entitled and is considered readable on the elected species.

Consideration and allowance of the instant application are now respectfully requested.

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